

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 STEPHEN E. WHITTED,

CASE NO. C18-0643-JCC

10 Plaintiff,

MINUTE ORDER

11 v.

12 PETER WINFIELD JORDAN, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.
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15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Local Civil Rule 37 Joint Submission
18 of Plaintiff and Defendant Stacey L. Smythe (Dkt. No. 68). The Local Rules set forth an
19 expedited procedure for the Court's consideration of a motion for an order compelling disclosure
20 or discovery. W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 37(a)(2). The parties must agree to use the expedited
21 procedure and must meet and confer in accordance with the Local Rules. *Id.*; *see* Fed. R. Civ. P.
22 37(a)(1), W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 37(a)(1). Although Plaintiff filed the instant motion as a
23 joint motion pursuant to Local Rule 37(a)(2), Defendants Smythe, Molly B. Kenny, and the Law
24 Offices of Molly B. Kenny did not agree to filing a joint motion and the parties have not met and
25 conferred about the discovery disputes at issue in accordance with the Federal and Local Rules.
26 (*See* Dkt. Nos. 69, 70, 70-1–70-10.)

Therefore, Plaintiff's motion is DENIED. The parties are ORDERED to meet and confer in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Civil Rules before the parties file a joint motion pursuant to Local Rule 37(a)(2) or Plaintiff files a motion to compel. Any future discovery motion must include a certification that the parties have adequately met and conferred. Failure to do so may be grounds for denial of the motion.

DATED this 22nd day of April 2019.

William M. McCool
Clerk of Court

s/Tomas Hernandez
Deputy Clerk